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SUBJECT: UNESCO: GUIDANCE REQUEST ON FUNDING  
STIPULATIONS REGARDING PARIAS STATES

REFS: A. 2005 SECSTATE 228873, B. 2005 PARIS 8192

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF A, POST INFORMED BOTH UNESCO  
SECRETARIAT AND ICSU DEPUTY DIRECTOR THAT UNESCO FUNDS

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PROVIDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE  
(ICSU) CAN NOT/NOT BE EXONERATED FROM RESTRICTIONS  
REGARDING THE USE OF USG FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES  
IN LIBYA, IRAN, CUBA, BURMA, THE DPRK, SYRIA, AND THE  
PLO. BOTH UNESCO AND ICSU SECRETARIAT SAID THAT THEY  
UNDERSTOOD THE REGULATIONS AND WOULD ABIDE BY THEM.

2. REF A ALSO INSTRUCTED POST TO ASK THAT FY 04 ICSECA  
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO ICSU VIA UNESCO BE RETURNED BECAUSE  
THEY HAD NOT YET BEEN SPENT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE  
ICSU SECRETARIAT, A LEGALLY BINDING ICSU-UNESCO LETTER  
OF AGREEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE FUNDS WAS  
ESTABLISHED IN APRIL 2005. BEGINNING IN JUNE 2005,  
335,000 USD WAS TRANSFERRED TO ICSU. AS PER CURRENT  
PRACTICE, 45,000 USD OF THE TOTAL OF 380,000 USD HAS  
BEEN WITHHELD PENDING SUBMISSION OF A FINAL REPORT.  
ICSU HAS DISTRIBUTED THE MONEY ACCORDING TO ITS 2005  
WORK PLAN.

3. THE GRANTS FINANCED BY THE FY 2004 ICSECA FUNDS  
DOVETAIL WELL WITH USG GOALS FOR UNESCO'S NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
SECTORS. THESE INCLUDE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECTS IN  
THE FIELDS OF CAPACITY BUILDING, EDUCATION,  
DISSEMINATION OF SCIENTIFIC DATA, SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION. EXAMPLES OF THESE PROJECTS  
INCLUDE:  
93,000 USD - TO BUILD NETWORKS OF TEACHERS AND YOUNG  
SCIENTISTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO TACKLE SCIENCE  
PROJECTS AIMED AT THREE CONTEMPORARY SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT ISSUES: BIODIVERSITY, FORESTRY AND WATER  
RESOURCES.  
50,000 USD - TO CREATE A DATA BASE/WEBSITE OF KNOWLEDGE  
CONCERNING RECEPTORS AND SITES FOR DRUG ACTION; THE  
WEBSITE WILL BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO SCIENTISTS FROM  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
50,000 USD -- TO BUILD CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD  
IN E-SCIENCE AND THE INFORMATION SOCIETY VIA AN  
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP.

4. IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN GRANTS PROGRAM, ICSU HAS, AS  
REQUESTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MADE GRANTS OF  
85,000 USD TO THE INTERNATIONAL GEOSCIENCE PROGRAM  
(IGCP) AND 25,000 USD TO INASP TO PROMOTE THE  
AVAILABILITY OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS VIA AN UPDATED  
WEBSITE.

5. In VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FY 04 ICSECA FUNDS HAVE  
BEEN DISBURSED BY BOTH UNESCO AND ICSU, POST  
RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER ITS  
REQUEST (CONVEYED REF A) FOR RETURN OF FY 04 ICSECA  
FUNDS GRANTED TO ICSU VIA UNESCO.  
OLIVER.